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- Utah State Parks Board Meeting Scheduled
- Utah State Parks Board Agenda
- Passport to Play in Utah's State Parks
- Representative Sought for Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council
- Paddle Craft ID Stickers Available
- Upcoming Utah State Parks Events

UTAH STATE PARKS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED

Salt Lake City – The Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation meets at 9:20 a.m. Thursday, May 6 in room 1019B of the Department of Human Services located at 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Board members will hear recommendations for new council members for both the Boating Advisory and Recreational Trails Advisory councils. They will also hear comments on the Antelope Island State Park hunting issue, consider the Sand Hollow State Park Resource Management and Boating Strategic plans, receive an update on This Is The Place Heritage Park, and review boating rule changes.

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**BOARD OF UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING
MAY 6, 2010
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
195 NORTH 1950 WEST, ROOM 1019B
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
AGENDA**

May 6, 2010

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| 9:20 a.m. | 1. Welcome, Review and Acceptance of Agenda | ACTION |
| | - Board Chair Karl Bentley | |
| | 2. Review and Acceptance of February 11, 2010 Minutes | ACTION |
| | - Board Chair Bentley | |
| | 3. Director's Report | INFORMATION |
| | - Director Mary Tullius | |
| | - Statewide Services Deputy Director Karen Krieger | |
| | - Operations Acting Deputy Director Fred Hayes | |

10:50 a.m.	4. This Is the Place Heritage Park Update and Building Addition - Board Chair Ellis Ivory	ACTION TIME CERTAIN
	5. Marketing Update - Public Affairs Coordinator Deena Loyola	INFORMATION
	6. Recreational Trails Advisory Council Member Approval - Deputy Director Hayes	ACTION
	7. Boating Advisory Council Members Approval - Deputy Director Hayes	ACTION
	8. Boating Rule Changes - Deputy Director Hayes	ACTION
1:00 p.m.	9. Antelope Island State Park Hunting - Department of Natural Resources Director Mike Styler	POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION TIME CERTAIN
	10. Antelope Island State Park Hunting - Davis Area Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO Barbara Riddle	INFORMATION
	11. Sand Hollow State Park Resource Management Plan Approval - Planning Coordinator Jamie Dalton	ACTION
	12. Utah Boating Program Strategic Plan Approval - Planning Coordinator Dalton	ACTION
	13. Board Member Updates - Board Members	INFORMATION
	14. Other Business and Next Meeting	INFORMATION
	Adjournment of Public Meeting	ACTION

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PASSPORT TO PLAY IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS

Salt Lake City – Get your free copy of the Utah State Parks 2010 Passport Edition Field Guide, visit your favorite state park or one you've never visited, and get your passport stamped. Visit all 41 participating parks from Anasazi State Park Museum in Boulder to Yuba State Park near Nephi.

Explore the world of dinosaurs at Utah Field House, set up camp at Starvation, golf at Palisade and discover petroglyphs at Fremont Indian State Park and Museum.

Plan your visit by checking out our events calendar. Utah's state parks host all types of events, from guided hikes and campfire programs, to star parties and scorpion hunts. Visit our website at stateparks.utah.gov and go to Things to Do.

Make your trip easier by purchasing a Utah State Parks Annual or Senior Pass for \$75 or \$35, respectively. Each pass allows the passholder and up to seven guests in the same private vehicle, day-use access for one year. Senior Passes are available to Utah residents 62 and over.

To order a Utah State Parks Field Guide, please call (801) 538-7220 or email parkcomment@utah.gov.

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REPRESENTATIVE SOUGHT FOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Salt Lake -- Utah State Parks and Recreation is currently seeking a representative to serve on the Utah Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council. One council member is needed to represent the interests of off-highway motorcycle riders. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 28, 2010.

"The Utah OHV Advisory Council provides recommendations to Utah State Parks and the Board of Utah State Parks on matters related to Utah's OHV programs, including reviewing requests for matching fiscal assistance for trails, trailheads and other projects," said Fred Hayes, OHV program coordinator with Utah State Parks.

The 11-member council consists of individuals representing the interests of OHV safety, four-wheel drive vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, OHV dealers, OHV users at-large, and federal and state agencies, including the USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and School and Institutional Trust Land Administration.

Since 1971, the advisory council has been instrumental in passing legislation requiring young riders to be certified through the Division's Know Before You GO! OHV education program. The council remains an active force dedicated to OHV enthusiasts and their needs.

Council members generally meet in the Provo/Salt Lake City area on a quarterly basis to discuss current issues and make recommendations. The number and timing of meetings is dependent on current OHV issues. Meetings generally last approximately three hours.

For more information or to apply for an OHV Advisory Council position, please contact OHV Program Coordinator Fred Hayes at (801) 538-7435 or by email at fredhayes@utah.gov

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PADDLE CRAFT ID STICKERS AVAILABLE

Salt Lake City – Utah State Parks and Recreation and the U.S. Coast Guard are making free Paddle Smart identification stickers available to kayakers, canoeists and owners of other types of paddle craft.

Owners provide their personal contact information on these bright orange adhesive stickers, which are placed on paddle craft. The information helps search and rescue personnel in the event of an emergency and return recovered or lost boats back to owners.

To get your free Paddle Smart ID sticker, please call 1-800-RIDE-PWC or 1-800-743-3792. For more information on the Utah State Parks boating program, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov/boating.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

May 12 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Nature Hike - Leave No Trace: Take a hike through the park and learn how to leave no trace on your outdoor adventures. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

May 14 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Starry Skies: Take a tour through the galaxy as we view planets, stars and other celestial wonders using the park's new Orion SkyQuest telescope! Meet at the visitor center at 9 p.m. (435) 826-4466

May 14 Rockport State Park - Peoa
Great Salt Lake Bird Festival: Join us on a field trip to Rockport State Park to view the numerous birds in the area. Event is limited to 20 people and includes canoeing and kayaking. (801) 451-3286 or visit greatsaltlakebirdfest.com

May 15 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Lava Tube Tour: Join us at 9 a.m. for a two-mile, roundtrip hike and the chance to explore the unique formations of a lava tube! Program registration is held two days prior to event. (435) 628-2255

May 15 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Geology Hike - A Forest Turned to Stone: The trees aren't scared, they're petrified! Discover how it happened on a guided one-mile hike to view these gems from the Jurassic. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

May 20 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal
Wildflowers: Springtime is the season when plants of the cold desert have enough

water and energy to blossom. Join local naturalists and science teacher Tom Elder at 7 p.m. as he shows us where to find and how to identify some of the favorite and more visible species outside of Vernal. (435) 789-3799

May 21 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Evening Hike: Join us at 7 p.m. at the Dutch Hollow Trailhead parking area and enjoy the waxing gibbous moon while hiking along the trails of Dutch Hollow. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the evening and discuss nightlife in the park. Bring a flashlight, sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. (435) 654-1791

May 21 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
The Desert is Home to Many: Though not always seen, Snow Canyon is teeming with wildlife! Enjoy a rare look through the lens of Rick Fridell, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources biologist, as he shares his observations of canyon wildlife in their desert home. Program begins at 7 p.m. and registration is held two days prior to event. (435) 628-2255

May 21 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park – Escalante
Moon Mysteries: Meet the Earth's nearest neighbor through lunar stories and observe the magnificent moon by telescope. Meet at the visitor center at 8 p.m. (435) 826-4466

May 22 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal
Wildflower Walk: Join local science teacher and naturalist Tom Elder for a walk through Steinaker and Red Fleet state parks to see which flowers are blooming. Participants should meet at the Utah Field House at 9 a.m. Please be prepared for the weather and bring water, hiking shoes, hat, sunscreen, and lunch or a snack. (435) 789-3799

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